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PRESCRIBED BURNS PLANNED AT LAKE ROOSEVELT

The National Park Service at Lake Roosevelt National Recreation Area has planned to conduct two prescribed burns this fall. The planned burn areas are Gifford Campground and Camp Na-Bor-Le.

Ignition dates will occur between September 30 and October 31, 2004. Ignition will only occur one day for each unit unless weather conditions come out of prescription and burning is suspended. Residual burning will be allowed to burn out naturally. Weather parameters, which include temperature, relative humidity, and wind speed must be met before a prescribed burn can be ignited.

At Gifford, a 67-acre prescribed burn will take place between the Gifford and Cloverleaf Campgrounds adjacent to Highway 25. At Camp Na-Bor-Le, approximately a seven acre burn will take place west of the campground.

The goals for conducting prescribed burns are to increase forest health by reducing hazardous forest floor fuels, augment understory species diversity and wildlife habitat and enhance the aesthetics of these areas.

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